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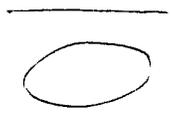
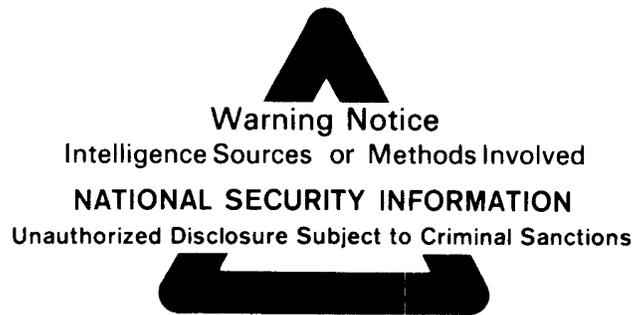
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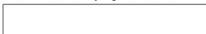
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SCALEBOARD ACTIVITY  
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1. SIGNIFICANCE: AN UNUSUALLY HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY HAS BEEN SEEN IN OCTOBER AT GARRISONS AND TRAINING AREAS ASSOCIATED WITH FOUR SOVIET SCALEBOARD BRIGADES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE REAR SERVICES UNITS. THESE BRIGADES ARE IN BORDER MILITARY DISTRICTS (MD) EXTENDING FROM THE BALTIC MD TO THE TRANSCAUCASUS MD (GRAPHIC 1). (SWN)
  
2. REMARKS: THE ACTIVITY MAY REFLECT A CONCERTED SOVIET EFFORT TO ENSURE A HIGH DEGREE OF COMBAT READINESS OF ARMAMENT, EQUIPMENT, AND PERSONNEL OF THIS OPERATIONAL-TACTICAL MISSILE SYSTEM. A SERIES OF INSPECTIONS AND MISSILE-TECHNICAL EXERCISES IN OR NEAR GARRISONS HAS INCREASED THE PREPAREDNESS OF SCALEBOARD LAUNCH AND REAR SERVICES UNITS. THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THAT ANY SCALEBOARD BRIGADE HAS DEPARTED ITS NORMAL GARRISON AREA. ATYPICALLY THE SOVIETS HAVE MADE LIMITED ATTEMPTS TO CONCEAL THE LARGE-SCALE ACTIVITY. THIS MAY AT LEAST PARTLY, BE INTENDED TO CONDUCT A DEMONSTRATION OF SCALEBOARD READINESS FOR THE BENEFIT OF WESTERN INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS. (SWN)

ALTHOUGH SOME CAMOUFLAGING OF SCALEBOARD LAUNCHERS HAS BEEN EVIDENT, MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE BRIGADES AND MOBILE TECHNICAL ROCKET BASES (PRTB) HAVE BEEN EXPOSED; THIS IS A MAJOR DEVIATION FROM THE STRICT IN-GARRISON SECURITY MEASURES NORMALLY EXHIBITED BY THE SOVIET SHORT-RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILE (SRBM) FORCE. IN TWO INSTANCES, AT CHERNYAKHOVSK ON  AND AT YEMILCHINO ON  SCALEBOARD BRIGADES WERE PARADED AT FULL STRENGTH. FIFTEEN CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE SCALEBOARD LAUNCHERS WERE IN THE CHERNYAKHOVSK FORMATION AND 18 PROBABLE LAUNCHERS WERE IN THE YEMILCHINO FORMATION. THIS IS THE FIRST FIRM EVIDENCE THAT THE NUMBER OF LAUNCHERS IN SCALEBOARD BRIGADES EXCEEDS 12 AND MAY BE COMPARABLE TO THE 18 LAUNCHERS STANDARD IN FRONT-LEVEL SCUD BRIGADES. (SWN)

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A SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY IN SCALEBOARD BRIGADE INSTALLATIONS IN THE WESTERN AND SOUTHWESTERN MD'S FOLLOWS:

BALTIC MD -- THE GARRISON OF THE SCALEBOARD BRIGADE AND PRTB AT CHERNYAKHOVSK WAS IMAGED THREE TIMES IN LATE OCTOBER. ON [REDACTED] MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE BRIGADE AND PRTB WERE EXERCISING WITHIN THE INSTALLATION: FOUR SCALEBOARD LAUNCHERS AND THEIR ADJACENT URAL-375 LAUNCH SUPPORT VANS WERE NET COVERED. NO ATTEMPT HAD BEEN MADE TO CAMOUFLAGE OTHER LAUNCHERS AND RESUPPLY VEHICLES THAT WERE ALSO ENGAGED IN MISSILE-TECHNICAL EXERCISES. ON [REDACTED] THE ENTIRE BRIGADE AND ELEMENTS OF THE PRTB WERE IN AN INSPECTION FORMATION (NPIC/PEG BRIEFING BOARD Z-15581, (10/83) UNUSUAL SCALEBOARD ACTIVITY, CHERNYAKHOVSK ARMY BARRACKS NORTH AL-3, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] WITHIN THE GARRISON. THIRTEEN CONFIRMED AND TWO PROBABLE SCALEBOARD LAUNCHERS WERE IN BATTALION CONFIGURATION WITH FIVE LAUNCHERS IN EACH BATTALION. SEVEN SCALEBOARD RESUPPLY VEHICLES, PROBABLY FROM THE PRTB, WERE ALSO SEEN: NONE OF THESE HAD UPLOADED MISSILE CANISTERS. THE BRIGADE FORMATION HAD LARGELY DISPERSED BY [REDACTED] HOWEVER, TWO LAUNCHERS, AT LEAST FIVE RESUPPLY VEHICLES, AND 52 OTHER VEHICLES WERE SEEN, INDICATING THAT THE BRIGADE WAS PROBABLY STILL IN GARRISON. (SWN)

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BELORUSSIAN MD -- THE SCALEBOARD BRIGADE GARRISON AT LAPICHI WAS COVERED THREE TIMES IN OCTOBER. LIMITED ACTIVITY WAS SEEN, INCLUDING ONE SCALEBOARD-ASSOCIATED MAZ-535/537 CRANE ON [REDACTED] THE CURRENT STATUS OF THIS BRIGADE IS UNCERTAIN. (SWN)

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CARPATHIAN MD -- THE SCALEBOARD BRIGADE AT YEMILCHINO WAS DEPLOYED TO ITS NEARBY TRAINING AREA ON [REDACTED] THE BRIGADE WAS STILL PRESENT WHEN THE TRAINING AREA WAS IMAGED ON [REDACTED] (GRAPHIC 2). THE VEHICLE STORAGE BUILDINGS AT THE GARRISON WERE UNDERGOING RENOVATION THROUGH OCTOBER: HOWEVER, EXTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION AT OTHER SRBM INSTALLATIONS HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT IN THE PAST WITHOUT ELEMENTS OF THE LAUNCH UNITS BEING SO EXPOSED TO OBSERVATION. ON [REDACTED] TWELVE SCALEBOARD LAUNCHERS/RESUPPLY VEHICLES WERE PRESENT. EIGHTEEN PROBABLE

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LAUNCHERS WERE IN THE FORMATION ON [Redacted] IN A THREE-BATTALION CONFIGURATION -- SIX PROBABLE LAUNCHERS (EACH WITH AN ADJACENT URAL-375 LAUNCH SUPPORT VAN), ONE PROBABLE SCALEBOARD RESUPPLY VEHICLE, AND THREE CRANES WERE IN EACH BATTALION GROUPING. AN ADDITIONAL FIVE PROBABLE RESUPPLY VEHICLES WITH UPLOADED MISSILE CANISTERS FROM THE BRIGADE'S ORGANIC MISSILE-TECHNICAL SUBUNITS WERE PRESENT. THE PRTB AT KIVERTSY THAT MAY SUPPORT THE YEMILCHINO BRIGADE WAS IMAGED TWICE IN OCTOBER. ON [Redacted] ONE HIP HELICOPTER, 16 PROBABLE WARHEAD VANS, AND SEVEN SCALEBOARD RESUPPLY VEHICLES (ONE WITH UPLOADED MISSILE CANISTER) WERE SEEN. (SWN)

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ODESSA MD -- THE SIMFEROPOL SCALEBOARD GARRISON WAS IMAGED FOUR TIMES IN OCTOBER. ON [Redacted] ONE LAUNCH BATTALION AND MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE PRTB WERE IN AN INSPECTION FORMATION IN A FIELD ADJACENT TO THE INSTALLATION. THE FORMATION WAS DISPERSING ON [Redacted] ALTHOUGH MANY OF THE VEHICLES WERE STILL PRESENT. COVERAGE ON [Redacted] REVEALED A LOW LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IN THE SCALEBOARD BRIGADE AND PRTB AREAS. (SWN)

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TRANSCAUCASUS MD -- THE SCALEBOARD BRIGADE GARRISON AT TBILISI WAS ACTIVE ON ALL THREE OCTOBER COVERAGES. ONE SCALEBOARD LAUNCHER AND THREE MAZ-535/537 CRANES WERE IN FRONT OF VEHICLE STORAGE BUILDINGS ON [Redacted] ON [Redacted], FOUR PROBABLE CAMOUFLAGED SCALEBOARD LAUNCHERS WERE SEEN. A HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY WAS EVIDENT ON [Redacted] WHEN SEVEN LAUNCHERS, FIVE RESUPPLY VEHICLES, FOUR MAZ CRANES, AND 50 OTHER BRIGADE VEHICLES WERE OUT OF STORAGE. THE GARRISON HAD RECENTLY UNDERGONE AN EXTENSIVE RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF VEHICLE STORAGE FACILITIES. AN UNUSUALLY HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY WAS UNDERWAY CONCURRENTLY AT THE VAZIANI GARRISON OF THE PRTB SUPPORTING THE BRIGADE (ALSO IN THE TBILISI AREA). ON [Redacted] WARHEAD VANS, SCALEBOARD RESUPPLY VEHICLES, AND MAZ CRANES WERE ENGAGED IN MISSILE-TECHNICAL TRAINING; THERE WAS NO INDICATION, HOWEVER, OF WARHEAD OR MISSILE UPLOADING. (SWN) [Redacted]

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